

## **What is claimed is:**

**[Claim 1]** A module for dispensing a treat to a chewing animal comprising a hollow treat holder having

(A) at least one aperture through which a treat can be inserted by a person or removed by a chewing animal; and

(B) at least one end that can be removably attached to an end of another of said modules.

**[Claim 2]** A module according to Claim 1 wherein said aperture is star shaped.

**[Claim 3]** A module according to Claim 1 wherein said treat holder has two of said apertures.

**[Claim 4]** A module according to Claim 1 wherein said end is circular in cross-section.

**[Claim 5]** A module according to Claim 1 wherein said treat holder has two ends.

**[Claim 6]** A module according to Claim 5 wherein one of said two ends is a male end and the other of said two ends is a female end and said male end locks into said female end.

**[Claim 7]** A module according to Claim 1 wherein a treat may be inserted by a person or removed by a chewing animal through said at least one end.

**[Claim 8]** A module according to Claim 7 including a recessed treat barrier at each end.

**[Claim 9]** A module according to Claim 8 wherein said recessed treat barrier has inwardly-extending prongs.

**[Claim 10]** A module according to Claim 1 wherein said hollow treat holder has a shape selected from the group consisting of straight, triangular, U-shaped, spheroidal, cubic, and L-shaped.

[Claim 11] A module according to Claim 1 wherein said hollow treat holder is made of a rubbery material.

[Claim 12] A module according to Claim 1 including a dog biscuit inside said hollow treat holder.

[Claim 13] A module according to Claim 1 wherein said at least one end is circular and about 1 to about 5 inches in diameter.

[Claim 14] A treat-dispensing toy for pets comprising a multiplicity of modules according to Claim 1 removably attached to each other.

[Claim 15] A method of entertaining and feeding a chewing animal comprising inserting a treat into a module according to Claim 1 and permitting said chewing animal to chew on said module.

[Claim 16] A module for dispensing a treat to a chewing animal comprising

- (A) a hollow treat holder having at least one aperture through which a treat may be inserted by a person or removed by a chewing animal; and
- (B) two end pieces fixed to said hollow treat holder, where said end pieces can be removably attached to an end piece of another of said modules and through which a treat can be inserted into said hollow treat holder by a person and can be removed from said hollow treat holder by a chewing animal.

[Claim 17] A module according to Claim 16 wherein a barrier is in between said end pieces and said hollow treat holder.

[Claim 18] A treat-dispensing toy for pets comprising a multiplicity of modules according to Claim 16 removeably attached to each other.

[Claim 19] A module for dispensing a treat to a chewing animal comprising

- (A) a rubbery hollow treat holder having two star-shaped apertures through which a treat may be inserted by a person or removed by a chewing animal; and
- (B) a male end piece and a female end piece fixed to said hollow treat holder, where said male end piece can be removably attached to the female end piece of another of said modules; and

(C) a treat barrier having inwardly-directed prongs in between each end piece and said hollow treat holder, whereby a treat can be inserted into said hollow treat holder by a person or can be removed from said hollow treat holder by a chewing animal through said aperture or through either of said end pieces.

**[Claim 20]** A treat-dispensing toy for pets comprising a multiplicity of modules according to Claim 19 removably attached to each other.